

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

ATTORNEY'S DOCKET
NO.
2345/110

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am an original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "**METHOD FOR TRANSMITTING OVERHEAD INFORMATION FOR WAVELENGTH DIVISION MULTIPLEX NETWORKS FOR FIBRE-OPTIC INFORMATION TRANSMISSION**", the specification of which was filed on 11 May 1998 as International Application No. PCT/EP98/02737.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	DATE OF ISSUE (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119
GERMANY	197 30 294.7	15 July 1997		YES

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